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1. The Central Office for Research and Technology (ZAFK) of the State Planning Commission is expected to undergo structural changes in the near future. The plan for these changes was made soon after the Second Conference of Scientists in Berlin from 6-8 July 1955 and the publication of the decision of the Council of Ministers of 21 July 1955 concerning measures to be taken to further scientific-technical progress in East Germany. In early August 1955, the ZAFK directorate worked out the draft of a new structure plan which was forwarded to the Council of Ministers for approval. The new structure plan is considered to be a step for enforcing the measures recommended in the decision of the Council of Ministers mentioned.
2. The essential points of the new structure plan are:
 - a. ZAFK is, in the future, to have four Main Departments, namely:
 - (1) Main Department for Integral Planning (Zusammenfassende Planung) to be headed by Erich Bauer. This Department existed in the old structure plan and was headed by Bauer. In addition to its present tasks, it is to be charged in the future with the organization of scientific conventions.
 - (2) Main Department for Machine Construction, probably to be headed by Herbert Roehl, at present head of ZAFK Main Department II.
 - (3) A Main Department for which a name has not yet been selected and which is to replace the old Main Department I, at present headed by Alfred Baumbach. The new Main Department will probably not be headed by Baumbach, who will receive other tasks as specified below.
 - (4) Main Department for Basic Research (Grundlagenforschung), probably to be headed by Dr. Kautsch (fnu), at present head of the ZAFK Fachgebiet for Basic Research.

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- b. A deputy head of ZAMP will be appointed in order to ^{assist} its present head, Prof. Josef Stanek, and act on his behalf during his frequent absences. This post will probably go to Erich Daumbach who is now acting unofficially as Stanek's deputy during the latter's absences.
- c. The Deutsches Amt fuer Masse und Gewichte¹, the Deutsches Amt fuer Materialwarenpruefung² and the Amt fuer Patent- und Erfindungswesen³ will be reaffiliated with ZAMP and placed under the direct authority of its head.
3. In a meeting with the scientific and technical personnel of ZAMP in August 1955, Stanek notified those present that all rumors alleging that a reduction in force of ZAMP personnel was pending were false. He emphasized rather that, since the Second Conference of Scientists in Berlin, the position of ZAMP has been strengthened and its personnel would be increased in the future.

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1. Deutsches Amt fuer Masse und Gewichte = German Office for Measures and Weights (DAMG).
2. Deutsches Amt fuer Materialwarenpruefung = German Office for Goods Testing (DAMW).
3. Amt fuer Patent- und Erfindungswesen = Office for Patents and Inventions

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